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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4912

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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: CVIS ASEC
SUBJECT: COMBATTING NIV FRAUD

REF: (A) 76 HONG KONG 14045 (B) 76 STATE 308103 (C) HONG KONG 00121

1. THERE EXISTS POSSIBILITY THAT CODING SYSTEM IN USE HERE SINCE JANUARY 3, 1977 AND, ACCORDING REFTEL (B) OTHER POSTS, MAY HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CODING SYSTEM WAS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL IN MARCH 28, 1977 EDITION OF INS SOUTHERN REGION INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN. THIS ENSURED WIDER DISTRIBUTION OF SYSTEM THAN MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY.

3. INS HONOLULU SENT MEMORANDUM DATED MAY 12, 1977 TO INS HONG KONG REFERENCING WRO MEMORANDUM (WR 101.2-P, WR 212.1-P) OF MARCH 15, 1977 WHICH APPARENTLY WAS NOTICE TO INS HONOLULU THAT CODING SYSTEM IN EFFECT HERE. INS HONOLULU MEMORANDUM NOTED THAT SEVERAL MISTAKES HAD BEEN MADE IN CODING HERE, AND ATTACHED PHOTOCOPY FROM PASSPORT WITH BIRTH DATE CIRCLED IN RED AND PHOTOCOPY OF NIV WITH FOURTH DIGIT CIRCLED IN RED. WHILE INS HONOLULU MEMORANDUM WAS MEANT FOR INS HONG KONG, IT WAS PLACED, APPARENTLY BY ERROR, IN UNCLASSIFIED ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO CONGEN WITH FPO ADDRESS. THIS ENVELOPE WAS OPENED BY FSL EMPLOYEE(S) IN CONGEN MAIL ROOM AND ROUTED THROUGH FSL MESSENGER SYSTEM WHERE IT CAME TO ATTENTION CONSULAR SECTION. MEMORANDUM WAS CAREFULLY WORDED, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT POSSIBILITY REMAINS THAT MEANING OF FOURTH DIGIT NOW UNDERSTOOD BY SOME FSL EMPLOYEES.

4. UNLESS DEPT. DIRECTS OTHERWISE, WE WILL CONTINUE USE CODING SYSTEM.

5. REQUEST DEPT. EVALUATE SITUATION AND DECIDE IF CODING SYSTEM

SHOULD REMAIN AS ESTABLISHED OR BE CHANGED. AS NOTED REFTEL
(A), WE STILL BELIEVE THAT COUNTERFOILS PROVIDE BETTER
SECURITY AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S COMMENTS THIS REGARD.
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